Name of the Project	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
Development of tourist infrastructure at village Odwada, Valsad Distt.	97.27
Development of Vadnagar—An ancient Heritage town of Gujarat	99.85

Development of tourist spots in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

1356. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andaman and Nicobar having 576 islands, has a lot of tourist potential;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to develop Andaman and Nicobar as a tourist spot to attract domestic and international tourists;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken in this direction by Govemment?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Andaman and Nicobar consists of 572 islands inclusive of small islands, rocks and islets and it has a potential to attract domestic and international tourists.

(b) to (d) During the Tenth Five Year Plan, Department of Tourism, Government of India has decided to identify six travel circuits in the country. These circuits will be finalised and developed in close coordination and partnership with the State/UT Governments and the concerned Government of lndia Departments. In addition to this it is also proposed to identify one major destination in each State/UT Administration in consultation with them for overall development including the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. All the State Governments/UT Administrations including Andaman & Nicobar have been requested to submit the detailed proposals in this regard.